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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 22, 2006, please amend the claims as follows.

The sections of this Amendment are organized as follows:

LISTING OF CLAIMS begins on page 2 of this paper.

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